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Introduction

To realise the full potential of your life, to fill it with optimum joy and to lead a truly successful life is your inalienable right, provided, of course, that you understand the correct mode of living and the rules and etiquettes of a successful life; moreover, not only should you be acquainted with these rules and etiquettes, but you should also be constantly striving to adorn and civilize your life by translating these rules into practice. Civility and good manners, dignity and courtesy, neatness and purity, prudence and discretion, organization and discipline, keen aesthetic sense, magnanimity and nobility of temperament, sympathy and consideration, mildness and pleasant speech, hospitality and humility, selflessness and sacrifice, lustlessness and sincerity, fortitude and perseverance, sense of responsibility and industry, fear of God and piety; reliance on God and bold initiative——these are the magnificent features of a truly Islamic life, which throw a halo of attraction round the graceful lives of the pious men and make their personalities charismatic; so much so that not only the Muslims but even the non-Muslims are irresistibly drawn to them and the common mind is forced to the conclusion that the humanistic culture which confers on mankind such invaluable manners and etiquettes for adorning and reforming life and infusing it with charisma, is like air and light, the common patrimony of mankind. This humanistic culture, therefore, is worthy of adoption by the entire humanity so that all human beings may individually and collectively build up a successful life order. This will not only make their earthly life a haven

of contentment and comfort, felicity and joy, peace and tranquillity, but also secure in the world Hereafter all that is essential for a successful and redeemed life. The *Etiquettes of Islamic Life* is an attempt to present these etiquettes and manners of Islamic culture in conventional book form. This work which represents a pattern of life ordered in the light of the teachings of the Book of God, the precedent of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), the guidance provided by the immortal deeds of our forbearers and the Islamic taste and temperament, contains five important chapters :

Chapter I	—	Manners and Culture
Chapter II	—	True Submission
Chapter III	—	Good Society
Chapter IV	—	Propagation of Religion
Chapter V	—	Sense of Devotion

Under these chapters, Islamic manners and etiquettes relating to all aspects of human life have been explained in a style which is characterized by :—

- * an impressive arrangement of material ;
- * plain and easy language ;
- * lucid and eloquent explanations ;
- * thought provoking arguments and ;
- * rhetorical diction.

It is hoped that this manual of *Etiquettes of Islamic Life* will, by the grace and beneficence of Allah, prove useful for readers belonging to all age-groups and classes. Brethren and sisters devoted to Islam are expected to adorn their personal lives with these precious rules and prayers as well as strive to reform and mould the morals, habits and conduct of the younger generation along sound lines. They should try their utmost to impress upon the youngsters the value of learning these rules and prayers by heart.

The life adorned with these etiquettes will not only be acclaimed with reverence and admiration in this world but will

also be deemed worthy of reward and favour in the hereinafter.

Reference to important works which have been consulted during the preparation of this book are indicated at appropriate points within the text. I pray to the Venerable and Exalted Allah to favour this humble attempt with His approval and enable the Muslims to order their lives in conformity with these rules and etiquettes. They should foster an inclination, yearning and zeal for Islam in the hearts of people. This manual should serve as an effective means of attracting the people to the true religion of God, and that it should be deemed a basis for the author's redemption. May God reward all those serving the cause of Islam with His favour also whose valuable works have been drawn upon in the preparation of this Book. (Āmīn)

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